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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of:        | ) |                          |
|                              | : | Examiner: Ryan M. Gleitz |
| Masashige TAMURA             | ) |                          |
|                              | : | Group Art Unit: 2852     |
| Application No.: 10/693,981  | ) |                          |
|                              | : | Confirmation No.: 3977   |
| Filed: October 28, 2003      | ) |                          |
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| For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS | ) |                          |
| INCLUDING GRAVITY-OPERATED : | : |                          |
| OPENING AND CLOSING          | ) |                          |
| MEMBER FOR DISCHARGING       | : | April 12, 2007           |

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Commissioner for Patents  
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AMENDMENT AFTER ALLOWANCE

Sir:

Applicant is in receipt of a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee(s) Due dated February 23, 2007, in the above-identified application. The Issue Fees are due on May 23, 2007, and are being paid concurrently herewith. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.312, the Examiner is respectfully requested to favorably consider and enter the following amendments to the application.